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BAR-SHAPED LIGHT GUIDE, LINE-ILLIMINATING DEVICE  
INCORPORATED WITH THE BAR-SHAPED LIGHT GUIDE AND  
CONTACT-TYPE IMAGE SENSOR INCORPORATED WITH THE LINE-  
ILLUMINATING DEVICE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 23, 2001, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3 and 7-10 as follows:

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3. (AMENDED) A line-illuminating device incorporated with the bar-shaped light guide according to claim 1, wherein said bar-shaped light guide is housed in a casing so that the emission plane is exposed, at least one end of the bar-shaped light guide is provided with a light-emitting means, and said light scattering patterns are provided so that an area for forming the light scattering patterns is larger in proportion to the distance from the light-emitting means.